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ATHENS PRESERVATIONISTS RECEIVE AWARD

Dr. Mildred Caudle and the City of Athens received the Alabama Historical Commission Distinguished Service Award on Friday, October 10, during the Alabama Preservation Conference. The annual awards presentation was held at the Grand Hotel in Point Clear, Alabama.

This year's conference **Historic Preservation: The Original Green** (www.preserveala.org) promoted awareness that historic preservation is inherently energy efficient.

Architect Joseph Smith from Madison, Georgia, led **Inherently Green and Intentionally Greener**, a historic homeowner workshop teaching why our historic homes are energy efficient and how we can make them more so.

Architect John Williams from Seattle, Washington gave the keynote address “**Saving Historic Resources Sustains Communities**” and led an afternoon workshop on how to rehab historic buildings without destroying their character.

The Alabama Public Service Commission (PSC) underwrote the speakers on sustainability. Angier Johnson, director of the PSC's Consumer Education Initiative, introduced the keynote speaker. The Consumer Education Initiative seeks to educate consumers on the importance and benefits of energy efficiency in their homes.

The Alabama Preservation Conference is held annually by the Alabama Historical Commission, the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Black Heritage Council.

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